

Julian Pavone, World's Youngest Professional Drummer®, And His Band To Be Featured On National TV Show Highlighting Abilities Of The Disabled



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MACOMB, Mich., Feb. 13, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Julian Pavone, the World's Youngest Professional Drummer® according to Guinness World Records, was featured on PBS's *A Wider World*. The television program, hosted by Elizabeth Kelly, highlights the abilities of Americans with disabilities.

Pavone, 8, began playing at three months, while perched on his father's lap. From there the Macomb Township, Mich., youngster went on to make history. He's been featured on more than 250 television shows worldwide -- including twice on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, plus on *Good Morning America* and *The Today Show* -- and in more than 40,000 newspaper and magazine articles. At the age of 5 years, 10 months, and 3 days he was declared the World's Youngest Professional Drummer®. He also invented "Abracadabra"® stain Cover-Up applicator and Julian's Drum Gloves™. Pavone attends University Liggett School in Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich. He studies with legendary drummer Gregg Bissonette (Ringo Starr & His All Starr Band), and George Dunn, Joe Leone, and percussionist Dennis Sheridan.

In *A Wider World*, Pavone, marching to the beat of a different drummer, is featured for his ear for talent; he sees an individual's abilities, not disabilities. His band, The Julian Pavone Experience, is composed of several exceptional members, including Jordan Obrecht, 24, of St. Clair Shores, Mich., whom Julian discovered. Obrecht is blind, has developmental impairments and cerebral palsy, but overcame the odds. Of Obrecht, Pavone said it was like hearing "Jim Morrison born again." "I know why they call them special needs," Pavone says. "They're so special we need them in our lives." Also in the band is guitarist and songwriter Nick Pigeon, of St. Clair Shores. Pigeon, 18, has been a fixture on the local music scene for years.

Pavone and Pigeon are represented by the law firm of Jeffrey M. Van Loon, PLLC, located in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. Van Loon's firm represents both individual and corporate clients in entertainment, business, corporate, and real estate matters.

A Wider World has broad significance in our society. More than 54 million Americans have some sort of disability, from mild hearing loss to quadriplegia, according to the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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